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RESOLUTION

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1. TEXT FOLLOWS AMB SCALI'S MAY 31 STATEMENT TO SC,
INTRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WELCOMED ISRAELI-SYRIAN
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

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2. BEGIN TEXT

MR. PRESIDENT:

I HOPE I SPEAK FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN I EXPRESS THE GREAT SATISFACTION WITH WHICH MY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES. IT WAS SIGNED TODAY BY SYRIAN AND ISRAELI MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI MILITARY WORKING GROUP OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

THE ISRAELI/SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED EARLIER ON DISENGAGEMENT OF EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI FORCES, WILL OPEN THE WAY FOR PROGRESS IN GENEVA TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN ENDURING SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS PRESIDENT NIXON SAID WEDNESDAY, THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A PEACE "NOW ARE BETTER THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST 25 YEARS." PRESIDENT NIXON PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE WORKING WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA TOWARD THAT GOAL. WE CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA. OUR PRESIDENT HAS COMMENDED PRIME MINISTER MEIR AND PRESIDENT ASSAD FOR THE VISION AND THE STATESMANSHIP WITH WHICH THEY HAVE RESOLVED THE GREAT DIFFERENCES THAT SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE ONLY A SHORT TIME AGO. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, WAS PRIVILEGED TO HELP BRING ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT. WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION ALSO FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE SOVIET UNION AS REFLECTED IN THE THREE CONVERSATIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAVE HELD IN RECENT WEEKS.

ISRAEL AND SYRIA HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD PLAY A CRUCIAL PART IN THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT. A PROTOCOL TO THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE. THIS FORCE WILL PLAY A KEY AND INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN MAINTAINING A CEASEFIRE AND SEEING THAT IT IS SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED. I ASK, THEREFORE, THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVATION FORCE.

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IN APPROVING THE RESOLUTION WHICH YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, THE COUNCIL WILL BE TAKING THE NEXT CRITICAL STEP IN WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE A QUICKENING MOVEMENT TOWARD A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP, ON THE LONG ROAD BEFORE US. THE RESOLUTION IS SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. IT IS GROUNDED IN THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS OF THIS COUNCIL AND THE STATEMENT WE HEARD YESTERDAY FROM THE SECRETARY-

GENERAL. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY ON THE APPLICABILITY OF THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDED THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE CLEARLY APPLIES TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE, INCLUDING THE ASSURANCES OF ITS CONTINUED EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING FOR THE DURATION OF THE MANDATE ESTABLISHED BY THE RESOLUTION. I URGE THIS RESOLUTION'S SPEEDY ADOPTION. TODAY WE ARE CONSIDERING NOT MERELY ABSTRACT ISSUES OF MILITARY UNITS AND BORDERS. WE ARE, RATHER, GRAPPLING WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT AND YET THE MOST HUMAN OF ISSUES--WAR OR PEACE. WE HAVE INDEED COME A LONG WAY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE STARTED ON A NEW COURSE WHICH OFFERS THE PROMISE OF GREATER SECURITY AND GREATER PROSPERITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THIS HISTORIC REGION. IT IS WITHIN OUR POWER TO EASE AND ASSIST THAT PROCESS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT, WITH THE AID OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THIS COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR, STEADY PROGRESS CAN CONTINUE TO BE MADE, UNTIL WE ATTAIN OUR LONG-SOUGHT GOAL--LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. END TEXT
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